GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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CESS ON PETROL AND DIESEL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the present rate of cess on petrol and diesel:

(b) whether a proposal to levy an additional cess on petrol and diesel is under consideration of the Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reasons for levying such an additional cess on petrol and diesel?

Answer

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PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a): At present, petrol attracts an Additional Duty of Excise @ Rs.one per litre, which was levied with effect from 02.06.98 as per section 111(1) of the Finance Act 1998. Similarly, diesel attracts an Additional Duty of Excise @ Rs. one per litre, which was levied with effect from 28.02.1999 as per section 133(I) of the Finance Act 1999. These additional duties of excise are in addition to any other duties of central excise chargeable on diesel under the Central Excise Act. In addition, petrol also attracts surcharge known as Special Additional Duty of Excise @ Rs.six per litre.

(b): There is no proposal to levy an additional cess on petrol and diesel under the consideration of the Government.

(c) & (d): Do not arise in view of (b) above.